

"Higher rate if area of tip moved"

AFTER considering local objections to a tip at Howrah, the Clarence Commission stated yesterday that it would not be justified in changing to another area.

A change would involve a much higher garbage rate, it was stated.

The statement said that health authorities were unanimous that controlled tipping, properly carried out, was neither objectionable nor harmful.

"The commission's estimate of the effect on its cost of providing the garbage disposal service at an alternative site is an increase of at least 80 p.c. in the existing garbage rate, with the possibility of an even larger increase," the statement said.

"Controlled tipping is the best and most economical method of garbage disposal.

"Of the two other modern methods, incineration involves costly plant and high operation costs, and the bacterial (composting) method, apart from being expensive, has proved unsatisfactory in those parts of Australia where it has been tried.

Reclamation

"The controlled tipping method has the advantage of lower cost, while it is also the most effective way of reclaiming unsightly swamps and similar unused areas and transforming them into badly needed recreation grounds.

"Under the system garbage is tipped and compacted with a tractor at a level about 12 in. below the final surface.

"Soil, which has been stockpiled for the purpose, is then dosed over the refuse and further compacted.

"This process is repeated each day the garbage always being left completely covered, and the work proceeding from day to day on a face which in the Howrah area will not exceed 6 ft. in depth.

"The tractor operator supervises all tipping, and no indiscriminate dumping is allowed."

Prime factors

In selecting an area for refuse disposal, the statement said, prime factors which must be considered were the cost of preliminary works, such as stone sea walls and drainage; availability of covering material; haulage costs; and the use on which the land could be put when the work was completed.

The statement said that

the Howrah area was selected because—

● The cost of preliminary work was low.

● Some covering material was available on the site, and, because of its central position, the balance of the necessary covering material could be readily obtained at little or no cost.

● The area was centrally situated, thus minimising haulage costs and facilitating private disposal.

● The completed project would be a recreation area in a part of the municipality where it was badly needed.

"No other area examined fulfilled these requirements satisfactorily, and any alternative site would have increased the cost of the service considerably," the statement said.

"Factors contributing to these increased costs included such things as the purchase of covering material, the purchase and operation of an additional vehicle, wages increased mileage for vehicles, and the cost of development of the site before beginning garbage disposal in the area."

Move for tax cuts on King Island

An attempt is to be made to secure tax concessions on King Island because of the high cost of living there.

Union officials who returned to Hobart yesterday after a visit to the island said that approval by the Federal Government would be sought through union and Parliamentary channels. They said they were amazed at the high cost of living there.

Bread was 1/9 a loaf, compared with 1/5 in Hobart, and cabbages were double the Hobart price.

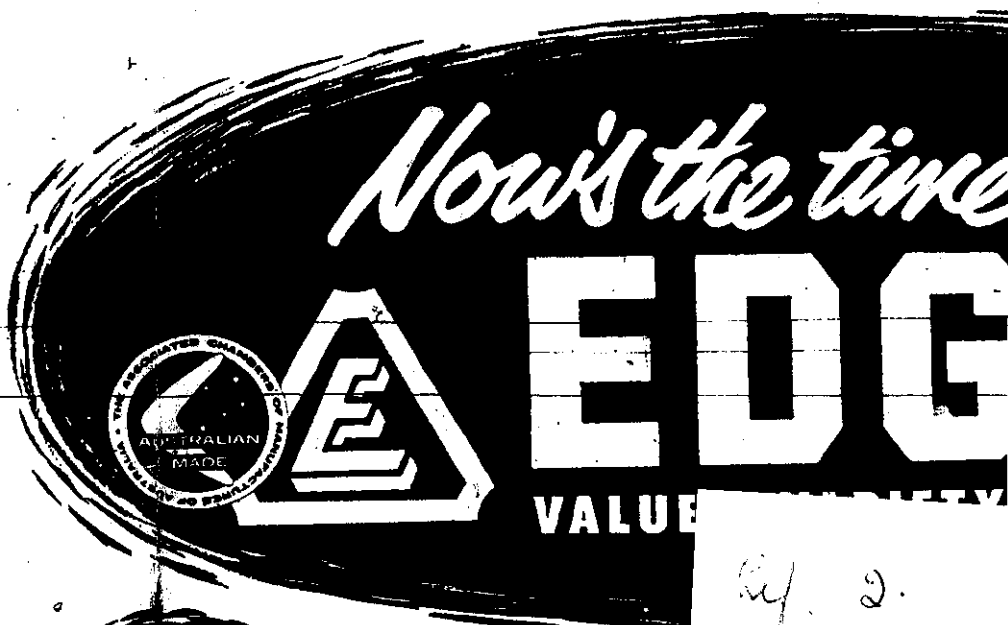
A joint union committee at Grassy is drawing up a list of commodity prices which will be sent to Hobart union officials for use in their case for tax concessions on the island.

The union officials who made the trip were Messrs. W. Jack, organiser of the Electrical Trades Union, D. M. Lucas, State secretary of the Transport Workers' Union, and N. A. Currie, State secretary of the Building Workers' Industrial Union.

MONTH'S PRISON ON THEFT CHARGE

FOR having stolen £65 worth of goods including clothing and electrical appliances from Paynes Bon Marche, Granton, on June 23, a youth was sentenced to a month's gaol at Hobart yesterday.

He is Murray Charles and six gallons of petrol. each youth was allowed a £25 bond to be of good be-



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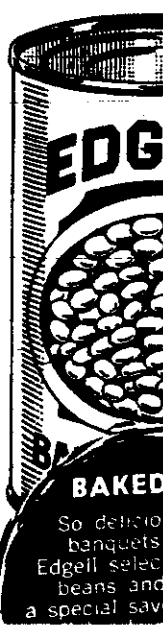


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